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SUBJ: W/W: ARREST AND DEPORTATION, RELIGIOUS PROSELYTIZING

1. 24 JULY NUMBER OF NEWSPAPER YENI ORTAM (NEW ATTITUDE) REPORTED FOUR AMCIT WOMEN, ALLEGEDLY OF GREEK DESCENT, ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING "BROCHURES" (BILDIRI IN TURKISH).

2. CHECK WITH POLICE FOURTH SECTION (FOREIGNER CONTROL) ON 25 JULY ELICITED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. JOHN GEORGE ZEMEK AND ROGER WILSON COX, BOTH REPORTEDLY AMCITS, ARRESTED AT KARACABEY (BURSA PROVINCE) ON 23 JULY AND BROUGHT TO ISTANBUL. KIMRA SUE JOHNSON, JOYCE ELIZABETH EMERY, ALVA NEAL WOLFE, AND JOAN CARPENTER, REPORTEDLY AMCITS, ARRESTED AT TWO POINTS IN ISTANBUL AREA (SARIYER AND MECIDIYEKOY) ON 23 JULY. TOTAL OF 200 KILOGRAMS OF REPORTEDLY RELIGIOUS PROPAGANDA FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION AND CONFISCATED. CONSULATE GENERAL HAS NO RECORD UNDER ANY OF THESE NAMES.

3. ALL SIX WERE SENT TO EDIRNE POLICE ON 24 JULY IN MINIBUS REPORTEDLY OWNED BY ZEMEK AND COX, ESCORTED BY INSTANBUL POLICE. EDIRNE POLICE CONFIRM BY TELEPHONE THAT SIX DEPORTED 24 JULY TO BULGARIA VIA KAPUKULE.

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4. COMMENT: ALLEGED GREEK ORIGIN OF GIRLS APPEARS CONTENTIOUS

FABRICATION BY HABITUALLY ANTI-US PAPER. FROM ACTIVITY PATTERN,
APPEARS ALL SIX MAY BE MEMBERS OF CONTROVERSIAL "CHILDREN OF GOD"
GROUP, OF WHICH SEVERAL WERE ARRESTED AND DEPORTED IN 1973 ON
SIMILAR CHARGES OF RELIGIOUS PROSELYTIZING (ILLEGAL UNDER TURKISH
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